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Chairman Mark Spitzer:

First of all, I'd like to thank you and your staff for coming to San Manuel to hear our community's feelings concerning the proposed 94% rate increase in our water. I am the accounts payable clerk at the Mammoth-San Manuel School District. Therefore I process the payment of the district's water bills. We pay approximately \$5521 each month for water to operate 5 schools. That is approximately \$66,248 a year. With a 94% rate increase, it is going to cost the school district approximately \$128,520 a year to supply water to our schools. We can't afford this increase. How will we be able to cut back – close the restrooms? quit watering the ballfields? close the swimming pool? Outside of getting an education – the ballfields and the swimming pool supply the ONLY entertainment the children/adults in our tri-community have. After attending the Monday night meeting, I felt compelled to speak out on behalf of the school district.

On a personal note, my family has lived in San Manuel since 1956. My husband was employed by BHP Copper/Magma Copper for 28 years. Since being layed off by BHP he has had 2 jobs – both out of state and is now unemployed. We could manage a small increase but 94% we could not. We take a lot of pride and enjoyment in our home and it's landscaping. If the proposed water increase of 94% passes, we would be forced to neglect our yards. As you mentioned, when you were in San Manuel, we have a pretty community because of the nice yards at each home. Unfortunately that would have to change to either "dead" grass and plants or gravel landscaping. What a shame!!

Please consider our situation and don't "RUIN" a nice town. Thank you for your time in reading this letter. I trust that you will follow your heart in making the final decision and do what is fair.

Thank you,

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